

House Resolution 830

By: Representative Fleming of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the first responders, emergency medical technicians, cardiac technicians, and
2 paramedics of Georgia and recognizing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, through a coordinated, state-wide network, the emergency medical services
5 professionals of Georgia respond to almost one million calls for assistance annually, risking
6 their lives on a daily basis to go to the aid of those in need; and

7 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia, there are over 5,000 first responders, 6,700 emergency
8 medical technicians, 105 cardiac technicians, and 4,500 paramedics who provide the essential
9 lifesaving services associated with out-of-hospital emergency medical care delivery; and

10 WHEREAS, these thousands of professionals perform their lifesaving duties through a
11 network composed of hundreds of nonlicensed first responder providers, licensed automated
12 external defibrillator programs, air ambulance transport providers and in excess of 250
13 licensed first responder, ambulance, and neonatal transport services; and

14 WHEREAS, the goals of each and every one of these individuals and services includes
15 illness and injury prevention; trauma system development; public information and education;
16 improvement of the health and wellness of our children in cooperation with Georgia's
17 Emergency Medical Services for Children program; the prompt, efficient, and effective
18 delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical care; transportation to the most appropriate
19 receiving facility; and other activities related to the health and well-being of the citizens of
20 the State of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia have continuously
22 supported efforts to elevate the standards and training of first responders, emergency medical
23 technicians, cardiac technicians, and paramedics and have been instrumental in increasing

1 the public's awareness of access to emergency services and what to do before the arrival of
2 EMS; and

3 WHEREAS, one of America's best emergency medical services systems, under the direction
4 of the Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, Office of Emergency
5 Medical Services, is celebrating its thirty-second year of service in 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, May 15 through May 21, 2005, is Emergency Medical Services Week in
7 Georgia, and it is fitting and proper that the first responders, emergency medical technicians,
8 cardiac technicians, and paramedics of Georgia be recognized for their outstanding and
9 courageous service to the people of this state.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 this body commends each and every first responder, emergency medical technician, cardiac
12 technician, and paramedic in Georgia for his or her outstanding service to the people of this
13 state and recognizes Emergency Medical Services Week in Georgia in honor of these
14 lifesaving professionals.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Courtney Terwilliger,
17 President of the Emergency Medical Services; and David Bean, Director of the Georgia
18 Office of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Human Resources, Division of
19 Public Health.